

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A steam chest can be used with both a vertical press and a horizontal press to manufacture foam prototypes in molding plates. The steam chest has a frame that can accept tooling that has been manufactured on a horizontal press or a vertical press. The same steam chest can be used to produce foam prototypes of various shapes and sizes within a particular size range. When the steam chest is used in a vertical press, the drainage hole that extends downward is in an edge wall. When the steam chest is used in a horizontal press, the drainage hole that extends downward is in a side wall.

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